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Filing Date: October 17, 201

For: METHOD OF ENCAPSULATING
HARD DISC DRIVE AND OTHER
ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

Examiner: Jill Lynne Heitbrink

Group Art Unit No.: 1732

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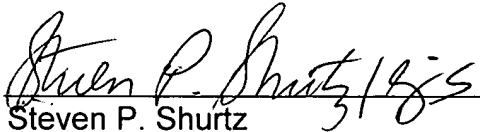
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